

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are active in the present application. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 22-44 are new claims. Support for the new claims is found in the original claims. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

3. (Amended) The olefin branched macromonomer as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], for which the monomer to constitute it is propylene, or a combination of propylene and at least one selected from ethylene, α -olefins having from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, cyclic olefins and styrenes, and of which the propylene content falls between 0.1 and 100 mol%.

4. (Amended) The olefin branched macromonomer as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], for which the monomer to constitute it is ethylene, or a combination of ethylene and at least one selected from α -olefins having from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, cyclic olefins and styrenes, and of which the ethylene content falls between 50 and 99.9 mol%.

5. (Amended) The olefin branched macromonomer as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], for which the monomer to constitute it is ethylene or propylene.

6. (Amended) An olefin graft copolymer obtained by copolymerizing the olefin branched macromonomer of [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1 with at least one comonomer selected from ethylene, propylene, α -olefins having from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, cyclic olefins and styrenes, in the presence of a metallocene catalyst.

7. (Amended) An olefin graft copolymer obtained by copolymerizing the olefin branched macromonomer of [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1 with at least one comonomer selected from ethylene, propylene, α -olefins having from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, cyclic olefins and styrenes, in the presence of a Ziegler-Natta catalyst.

8. (Amended) The olefin graft copolymer as claimed in claim 6 [or 7], which satisfies the following (1) and/or (2):

(1) its intrinsic viscosity $[\eta]$ measured in a solvent decalin at 135°C falls between 0.3 and 15 dl/g;

(2) it contains from 0.01 to 70% by weight of the olefin branched macromonomer [of any of claims 1 to 5] satisfying the following (a) and (b):

(a) its weight-average molecular weight (Mw) measured through gel permeation chromatography (GPC) falls between 400 and 200000;

(b) its vinyl content is at least 70 mol% of all the unsaturated groups in the macromonomer.

9. (Amended) An olefin resin composition comprising 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic resin, and from 0.05 to 70 parts by weight of the olefin graft copolymer of [any of claims 6 to 8] claim 6.

11. (Amended) The olefin resin composition as claimed in claim 9 [or 10], of which the ratio of the relaxation rate $[(1/R_1) \text{ of claim 10}]$ of the long-term relaxation component measured through solid $^1\text{H-NMR}$ $(1/R_1)$ falls between 1.0 and 2.0 (1/sec) to the relaxation rate $(1/R_1)_0$ of the long-term relaxation component, measured through solid $^1\text{H-NMR}$, of a resin composition not containing the propylene branched macromonomer [of any of claims 1 to 5] satisfying the following (a) and (b):

(a) its weight-average molecular weight (Mw) measured through gel permeation chromatography (GPC) falls between 400 and 200000;

(b) its vinyl content is at least 70 mol% of all the unsaturated groups in the macromonomer, $[(1/R_1)/(1/R_1)_0]$, satisfies the following relationship:

$$[(1/R_1)/(1/R_1)_0] \geq 1.01.$$

14. (Amended) The propylene macromonomer as claimed in claim 12 [or 13], for which the monomer to constitute it is ethylene and propylene.

15. (Amended) An olefin graft copolymer obtained by copolymerizing the propylene macromonomer of [any of claims 12 to 14] claim 12 with at least one comonomer selected from ethylene, propylene, α -olefins having from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, cyclic olefins and styrenes, in the presence of a metallocene catalyst.

16. (Amended) An olefin graft copolymer obtained by copolymerizing the propylene macromonomer of [any of claims 12 to 14] claim 12 with at least one comonomer selected from ethylene, propylene, α -olefins having from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, cyclic olefins and styrenes, in the presence of a Ziegler-Natta catalyst.

17. (Amended) The olefin graft copolymer as claimed in claim 15 [or 16], which contains from 0.01 to 40% by weight of the propylene macromonomer [of any of claims 12 to 14] satisfying the following (a), (b) and (c):

(a) its weight-average molecular weight (Mw) measured through gel permeation chromatography (GPC) falls between 800 and 500000;

(b) its vinyl content is at least 70 mol% of all the unsaturated groups in the macromonomer;

(c) its propylene content falls between 50 and 100 mol%.

18. (Amended) The propylene graft copolymer as claimed in [any of claims 15 to 17] claim 15, which satisfies the following (1) and/or (2)

(1) its intrinsic viscosity $[\eta]$ measured in a solvent decalin at 135°C falls between 0.3 and 15 dl/g;

(2) the ratio of the weight-average molecular weight (Mw) to the number-average molecular weight (Mn) thereof measured through GPC, Mw/Mn, falls between 1.5 and 4.5.

19. (Amended) An olefin resin composition comprising 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic resin, and from 0.05 to 70 parts by weight of the propylene graft copolymer of [any of claims 15 to 18] claim 15.

21. (Amended) The olefin resin composition as claimed in claim 19 [or 20], of which the ratio of the relaxation rate of the long-term relaxation component measured through solid ¹H-NMR ($1/R_1$) falls between 1.0 and 2.0 (1/sec) [($1/R_1$) of claim 20] to the relaxation rate ($1/R_1)_0$ of the long-term relaxation component, measured through solid ¹H-NMR, of a resin composition not containing the propylene graft copolymer [of any of claims 15 to 18] satisfying the following (a), (b) and (c):

(a) its weight-average molecular weight (Mw) measured through gel permeation chromatography (GPC) falls between 800 and 500000;

(b) its vinyl content is at least 70 mol% of all the unsaturated groups in the macromonomer;

(c) its propylene content falls between 50 and 100 mol%, [$(1/R_1)/(1/R_1)_0$], satisfies the following relationship:

$$[(1/R_1)/(1/R_1)_0] \geq 1.01.$$

Claims 22-44 (New).